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QUESTIONS

1. Q. Do you support the concept of an international gathering of those who have flown in space? Do you oppose such an idea? Do you care? Please state your reasons for responding as you have.

I generally support such an idea. I would strongly oppose any activity by the group that has heavy political overtones. I realize that remaining completely apolitical is a nearly impossible task and would relegate the group to merely a fraternal or social function. Even such groups as the Explorers Club, the Cousteau Society and the Lindbergh Society have difficulty remaining aloof from politics. I believe that some dialog is better than none at all.

2. We have modeled the approach to this dialog along the lines of the National Academy of Science's physicists' discussions (i.e., privately organized, funded, etc., while fully informing the official world of the State Dept., CIA, etc., of our actions). The intention here has been to maintain self-determination and control while being entirely open in our actions. This has worked well for the NAS group and has been supported and encouraged by these agencies in our instance as well.

Q. Do you support or oppose the concept of a private approach to this dialog? Again, why?

A private approach makes sense in order to minimize political influence. I'm curious as to how productive the NAS physicists discussions have really been---and realize that the answer is probably very subjective.

3. Q. Are you interested in participating in this initiative as it moves ahead?

A. At a pre-planning meeting of current and former Astronauts on 3 March 1984? This meeting will be held in New York and hosted by Donald Kendall, Chairman of the Board of PepsiCo, who has offered his facilities to us. Yes. Will attend and give you this questionnaire at that time.

B. At the next and (presumably) final planning meeting with the Cosmonauts, here somewhere in the US in April?

No. I am unable to publicly participate.

C. At the first annual Planetary Congress of Space Explorers, nominally in late summer 1984, in Iceland?

NO.

4. Q. Are you interested in being updated from time to time on the progress of this initiative?

Yes. Very interested.

5. Q. Are there any of the specific "Agreements" from the first planning meeting (see enclosure) that you disagree with, that concern you or that raise specific questions in your mind? Are there other "Agreements" which you feel would be important to establish to help assure a productive result?

No quarrel with first planning meeting "Agreements." Somehow the group must establish some sort of guidelines which set forth those specific arenas that it will not address.

6. Q. Are there specific topics or subjects which (after reviewing the "Agreements" of enclosure) you feel should be considered for the agenda for the first Congress? Are there some which you feel strongly should be avoided?

The guidelines mentioned above need to be established. The subject of military uses of space should be avoided.

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